

W. C. T. U.

Third Annual Report.

Three years have passed since the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of these Islands began its existence. The record of the year just completed differs but little from that of the years preceding. The usual monthly meetings have been held, with an average attendance of twenty-five, from a membership of seventy-five.

The first half-hour of our meetings is devoted to singing, Scripture reading, prayer and speaking, all bearing upon our special work. Reports of officers and superintendents of the various departments of work, and other business follow in their order.

We are in correspondence with several ladies of W. C. T. U. fame in the United States and with Mrs. Mary C. Leavitt, our round-the-world missionary. These letters add greatly to the interest of our meetings.

Each department of work is interesting in itself, and is presided over by an efficient and earnest woman. In this quiet and systematic way we are doing what we can to create and intensify temperance sentiments.

Our juvenile society numbers about forty in attendance at the monthly meetings. The ladies of the Union continue to furnish refreshments and the little folks are entertained by songs and games, instructive talks, and lessons from the Temperance Catechism. It is on the principle that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure" that we begin with the children; teaching them the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks. Many of these children come from homes in which they get very little if any such instruction; others are from our best families and give tone and character to the society.

A great amount of temperance literature has been distributed among sailors, at the hospital, prison and other places. Among sailors alone 2,870 pages have been circulated by our superintendents of that department, besides 656 newspapers and 70 magazines.

Great credit is due Miss Johnson for her faithful discharge of duty in her department. The reading rooms of the Library and Y. M. C. A. have been furnished with "The Union Signal," a temperance weekly. The temperance work carried on so faithfully by Miss Green has been in many ways aided by the Union.

The Health Primer has been translated and published in the Hawaiian language for the native schools, from which the effects of alcohol upon the body and mind are taught. A temperance song book entitled "Little Drops of Water" has been published in native, and several thousand tracts are in circulation. A magic lantern has been furnished and illustrative pictures which carry conviction to the mind of the native Hawaiian much more forcibly than words.

We have a branch society in Hilo which is doing effective work. This is made up of foreign and native ladies. Mrs. F. L. Lyman is the President and Mrs. L. L. Austin the Secretary.

Mrs. Lyman labors under difficulties which would be to many insurmountable. But she is heart and soul, devoted to this grand work of temperance reform, and with her earnest helpers is widening the stream of public sentiment which is constantly gaining in proportions.

One of the most delightful features of the temperance work in Honolulu the past year was the visit of Mr. R. T. Booth. His impassioned eloquence was an inspiration to all temperance people and resulted in reclaiming some from the drink habit, and establishing many in total abstinence. During his stay 313 foreigners and 305 natives signed the pledge. This was estimated to be two-thirds of the number who took the blue ribbon; the others having taken the pledge at some previous time. We do not expect that all will stand firm in their good resolutions. So long as the liquor saloon stands at every corner, to tempt men, temperance reformers will fight at great odds.

While the Government licenses men to deal out the draught that crazes the brain and robs men of reason and willpower, so long will men fall. The Blue Ribbon League was organized under the direction of Mr. Booth, and has kept up its meetings with a good attendance. Rev. Mr. Gowen, the President, is an enthusiastic temperance man, and infused his spirit into the organization; and local talent is never wanting to make the Blue Ribbon entertainments exceedingly interesting.

Mrs. Leavitt is now in India. Since leaving Honolulu, three years ago, she has been actively engaged in lecturing and organizing W. C. T. Unions in Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan and India.

A petition is being prepared, in the vernacular of every country, to be presented to its Government, asking for laws protecting its people from the curse of alcohol. This petition will have the signature of men and women who feel the importance of such governmental measures, and their name is legion. And thus the heaven is working until the nations of the earth shall be free from this foul blot—blackness than the curse of slavery that once stained our own loved America.

We, as a society, are only a small outpost compared to the grand army bearing the standard of temperance. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union alone number more than 200,000 in the United States. Standing shoulder to shoulder with these are the Blue Ribbon League and other kindred organizations, all using the same weapons of warfare. Mild measures have been tried and are still being used; but prohibition is the platform upon which all temperance reformers of to-day stand. It is gaining ground with rapid strides and not many years will pass before the United States will have at its head a prohibition President. Law, and law alone, will emancipate the slave of intoxicating drink from his master, the drink dealer.

Of course there are exceptional cases, but these do not alter the general rule. So long as the liquor men have law and license on their side, they will laugh at all we can do or say. But, let prohibition stare them in the face and they tremble for their money-making, death-dealing business.

In the United States, the liquor men are organized to fight this movement and spend both time and money to defeat it. In some instances they have succeeded; but nevertheless prohibition is the law in several States.

A year ago a heavy cloud hung over

the national sky of Hawaii. The Legislature, in spite of good men in its halls and the protests of good men from without, passed laws that were calculated to crush out all hope of any reform, social or political. But, as Pope says, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and we hoped in the darkness, and believed that the cloud had a silver lining. In our last year's report will be found these words:

"The overt acts of the late Legislature must certainly bring about a reaction in the politics of the country; and let us pray unceasingly for a triumph of right principles in the government of Hawaii."

We claim no gift of prophecy; but our faith in the God of right and a common-sense judgment of men made us feel that a revolution was inevitable. It came, and much sooner than we had dared to hope; and we are thankful for the quiet and thorough manner in which it was accomplished; thankful that no life dear to us was sacrificed.

The women of this country owe a debt of deepest gratitude to those who so wisely planned and carried out the political reform. All honor to the men who stood bayonet in hand ready to defend the cause and us. And now may we not hope that the spirit of reform will enter into the social systems of this beautiful land of the Pacific, and make it the paradise it is, by nature, designed to be?

We believe that our legislators elect mean reform in the fullest sense, and we have reason to hope that measures will be taken at our next session of the Legislature, to abate if not prohibit the drink traffic.

M. A. H. GREENE,
Recording Secretary.

A Warning to Saloon Keepers.

The decision of the Supreme Court makes every saloon-keeper responsible for injuries inflicted by drunken men in his place. In rendering this decision, the Court refers to the law of morals and common sense, as well as to the statutes and precedents. The opinion will contribute greatly to public order and welfare. It is a warning to saloon-keepers to conduct their places properly and prevent disturbance; and it must not be forgotten how many offences against law originated in the saloons. In the case upon which the decision was rendered, liquor was sold to a drunken man, and his extreme intoxication was the main cause of the injuries. Therefore the decision will have a good effect on the score of temperance. The saloon keeper who sells to a drunken man becomes responsible for his actions while in his place, for if an offense is committed, he is a party to it. Truly, as the Court says, this is the law of morals and good common sense.—Philadelphia North American.

Pay of Artists.

"If you want to see real poverty," said a portrait painter of Union Square, "just hunt up some of the artists in town who are filling orders for the new craze in water-colors from the dealers. Oil paintings are now tabooed, you know, among the swells. That is, you can't have them in your parlor or drawing room, but it's all right to hang them in your hall or library if you choose. Water-colors are decreed to be the sympathetic twins of the lavender, light blue and pale tints that are reigning in decorations. There's been a fair demand for these all summer. The other day I climbed to the miserable attic studio of an old artist, whose water-color work had attracted my attention as being far above the average. It was really fine. He was engaged on the finishing touches of a charming little landscape."

"What do the dealers pay you for this?" said I.

"Three dollars, possibly five, and I may manage, with hard work, to finish two of them in a week."

"And what do the dealers charge their customers?"

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